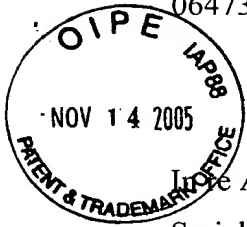


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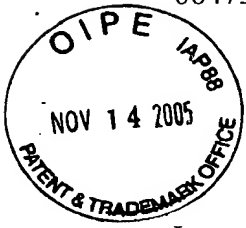
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In response to the Final Office Action dated August 12, 2005, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following comments.